

EGREMONT HOUSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p. m. by interim chairman Fred Gordon. Attending were committee members Richard Allen, Judy Goodman, Fred Gordon, Mark Holmes and Elizabeth Keene. Also attending were Ken Walto, Peg McDonough and Lucinda Vermeulen.

Minutes of the meeting of August 4 were amended to move the section on the timeline to be an exhibit, and as so amended were approved 3-0 with 2 abstentions.

The two new committee members made brief introductory comments.

By unanimous vote, Fred Gordon was elected chairman and Richard Allen was elected clerk.

By unanimous vote, the committee directed Fred Gordon to notify the selectboard that the committee wanted Bruce Kafenbaum to be appointed to the committee.

Fred Gordon and Mark Holmes gave brief updates on SK Design's progress. Fred noted that SBCDC apparently was no longer interested in developing the town hall site.

The committee discussed Fred Gordon's draft of a mission statement and unanimously approved it in the modified form set forth as Exhibit A hereto.

The committee unanimously appointed Judy Goodman to be the committee's liaison with Peg McDonough, the town's new coordinator for allocating American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The committee discussed ways to encourage ADUs and appointed Mark Holmes to prepare a draft of promotional material for that purpose.

The committee asked Mark Holmes to contact Carolyn Valli of Habitat for Humanity to update her on the town hall site and urge her to continue Habitat's consideration of becoming the developer of the site.

The committee set Tuesday, October 5 at 5:00 as the date and time for the next meeting of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:10 p.m.

## Exhibit A

### **PURPOSE OF THE EGREMONT HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**Provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Egremont for the benefit of low and moderate income households. Action steps to include:**

- Identifying properties for potential development
- Supporting the Egremont Housing Trust, a 501(c)(3) organization
- Reach out to rental unit owners to gauge interest in longer term rentals, as opposed to seasonal
- Gauge interest in ADU development and assist where possible
- Prepare applications for housing grants
- Prepare requests for proposals, review responses and make recommendations to selectboard for awarding contracts
- Create Egremont voter awareness around the critical need for affordable housing and strategies to create such housing.